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Andrews Free On Bond After Indictment

Dean A. Andrews Jr., the jive-talking lawyer who told the Warren Commission Lee Harvey Oswald visited his office several times in 1963, was free under \$1,000 bond today after being indicted for perjury.

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury returned the indictment yesterday, charging that Andrews testified "falsely under oath" in the probe of an alleged conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The indictment came as a three-judge criminal district court panel wound up the third day of a preliminary hearing which will decide if District Attorney Jim Garrison has enough evidence to hold Clay Shaw for trial on a conspiracy charge.

A FEW HOURS before his indictment, Andrews was suspended from his post as an assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney. Frank Langridge, the district attorney, said Andrews had brought notoriety to the DA's office.

The indictment said Andrews committed perjury "wilfully and unlawfully" by testifying under oath to statements he "well knew were false and untrue and all of which were related to matters . . . under investigation, to wit: a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy."

ANDREWS SAID HE wasn't surprised by the indictment. "I laid 8 to 5 on it and I will pick the money up," he told a newsman.

The rolypoly attorney—wearing dark glasses as he constantly does—appeared before the grand jury for the second time yesterday morning to testify in the assassi-



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DEAN A. ANDREWS JR.

nation probe.

The grand jury returned the indictment to Criminal Judge Thomas M. Brahney Jr. about 6 p.m. Andrews, accompanied by a bondsman, arrived at Parish Prison at 9:40 p.m. and was booked on the perjury charge. Bond was furnished by Summit Fidelity and Surety Co.

ASKED IF HE had made any false statements, Andrews replied: "Absolutely not. I testified as I could to the best of my knowledge. Apparently there is a conflict of opinion as to what I testified about."

He said he had "no knowledge" of an alleged plot hatched in New Orleans to assassinate the President.

"Why were you brought into the investigation?" an interviewer asked.

"THAT'S A GOOD question," he said. "Apparently they seem to feel that I have a key that can unlock certain locks. I don't even know where the locks are."

Besides telling the Warren Commission that Oswald came to his New Orleans law office several times, Andrews testified that right after the assassination he received a telephone call "and a voice I recognized as Clay Bertrand asked me if I would go . . . wherever it was that this boy

(Oswald) was being held and defend him."

Garrison has charged that Clay Bertrand is an alias used by Shaw and that Shaw, Oswald and David W. Ferrie, who died last month, conspired to kill the President.

Andrews told the Warren Commission he didn't believe Oswald shot Kennedy.

"I KNOW good and well he did not," he testified. "With that weapon, he could not have been capable of making three controlled shots in that short time. . . . This boy could have connived the deal, but I think he is a patsy. Somebody else pulled the trigger."

Andrews served as an ordnanceman in the Navy. He received his law degree from Loyola University and is married and the father of several children.

He had been an assistant DA in Jefferson about three years.

BEFORE ENTERING the Grand Jury room yesterday, Andrews told reporters that Gordon Novel, another witness summoned to testify, was a "good friend" and "client" of his.

Novel, 29-year-old owner of the Jamaican Village Bar at 300 N. Rampart, said Garrison wanted to question him about Cuban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith.

"I think Mr. Garrison wants to know something about activities during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha

Smith," he said.

ARCACHA LIVED in New Orleans during 1961 and was leader of an anti-Castro Cuban organization known as the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front. He reportedly was training men here for an invasion of Cuba.

Arcacha moved to Houston in 1962 and was living there when the President was killed. He has been in Dallas the past three years.

Garrison's investigators tried to question the Cuban, but Arcacha refused to cooperate unless Dallas authorities sat in. Garrison's men would not stand for this.

Novel said he knows Shaw, "but not as related to this thing (the current probe)." He added that he only knew Ferrie "indirectly," and did not know Oswald at all.